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SUBJECT: SASKATCHEWAN PREMIER TELLS TORONTO AUDIENCE THAT COMPROMISE
AND
CONCILIATION NEEDED TO SAVE CANADA

1. THE LEAD EDITORIAL IN THE JANUARY 20 ISSUE OF THE CANADAIN
MINING WEEKLY, THE NORTHERN MINER, REACTED TO THE JANUARY SPEECH BY
SASKATCHEWAN PREMIER BLAKENEY BEFORE THE TORONTO CANADAIN CLUB.
THE EDITORIAL, WHICH NOTED THE WARM RECEPTION THE PREMIER'S REMARKS
RECEIVED FROM THE CLUB, SAID THAT THE SPEECH CONCENTRATED ON TWO MAIN
ISSUES: WESTERN CANADAIN COMPLAINTS ABOUT UNFAIR TREATMENT BY EASTERN
CANADA AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND BLAKENEY'S THOUGHTS ON WHAT WAS
NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN CONDEFEDERATION INFACE OF THE PQ VICOTY IN
QUEBEC.

2. IN REGARD TO THE FIRST ISSUE, BLAKENEY EXPRESSED HIS CONVICTION
THAT OTTAWA WAS IMPAIRING AND CURTALING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTE
OF THE PROVINCES, ESPECIALLY NATURAL RESOURCES, AND "WENT SO FAR
AS TO SUGGEST THAT THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA, TO WHICH THERE HAVE
BEEN NEW APPOINTMENTS RECENTLY, COULD BE EXPECTED TO ASSIST THE
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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THIS POLICY."

3. REGARDING QUEBEC AND CONFEDERATION, THE PREMIER SUGGESTED THAT
A THOROUGH GOING REVIEW AND REVISION OF CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS
IN RECOGNITION THAT THEPRESENT DIVISION OF POWERS IS INADEQUATE UNDER
CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD LEAD TO COMPROMISES AND CONCILIATION
NECESSARY TO SAVE CANADA FROM BREAKUP AND DISASTER. THIS LINE OF

REASONING WAS GIVEN A "SYMPATHETIC AND WARM RECEPTION."

4. THE NORTHERN MINER EDITORIAL NOTED THAT THE ASPIRATIONS OF QUEBEC ALONE ARE NOT ALL THAT CANADA HAS TO FACE AND THAT "THE 'ALIENATION' OF THE WESTERN PROVINCES IS GROWING MORE VOCAL, AND MORE EVIDENT." THE EDITORIAL CONTINUED THAT SASKATCHEWAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE POTASH INDUSTRY COULD PROVIDE THE OPPOSITE CONCLUSION FROM THAT HELD BY BLAKENEY "THAT AGGRESSIVE PROVINCES ARE ATTEMPTING TO WHITTLE AWAY THE POWERS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT." NOTING THAT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS TO THE CANADIAN CLUB WAS TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY FEDERAL MINISTER

OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES ALASTAIR GILLESPIE AND THAT HIS POSSIBLE BALANCING VIEWPOINT ON FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WAS PREVENTED BY A BLIZZARD, THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED "IN THE POWER STRUGGLE NOW GOING ON WE HAVE TO AGREE THAT COMPROMISE IS NEEDED. SO IS COMMON SENSE AND PRACTICAL WISDOM.... THE CONTINUING UNITY OF THIS COUNTRY REQUIRES A STRONG CENTRAL FOCAL POINT, THAT IS A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH OVERRIDING, BUT NOT OVERLAPPING POWERS."

5. COMMENT: THIS EDITORIAL WAS WRITTEN BY VICTOR C. WANSBROUGH, THE EDITORIAL CONSULTANT TO THE NORTHERN MINER AND ALSO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OF THE CANADIAN POTASH PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION. WHILE HIS BIAS MUST BE CONSIDERED, MR. WANSBROUGH'S CONCLUSIONS SEEM JUSTIFIED. HIS OBSERVATIONS IN THE EDITORIAL ON THE WARM RECEPTION THE PREMIER RECEIVED FROM HIS AUDIENCE WERE CONFIRMED IN EVEN STRONGER TERMS IN CONVERSATION

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WITH MR. WANSBROUGH WHEN HE NOTED PREMIER BLAKENEY'S ABILITY TO MAKE HIS CASE IN A MOST APPEALING MANNER.
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